

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Work Session – September 10, 2018

MINUTES

President Jon Shiflett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Metcalf indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort, Kim Mulvenna, Beverly Winstanley, Patrick McKennon, Sara Clark Pierson and Jon Shiflett. **Central Office Administrators:** Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Melissa Mazzola, Kelly Smith, Greg Almy and Kim Manning.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$11,326, as presented.

Mrs. Winstanley advised this total is the result of four invoices covering work on the Leibert System at Sawdon, the replacement of a steam coil at the high school, repair of an underground vacated pipe at Sawdon, and the removal of two trees at the Community Stadium. All invoices were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee prior to being brought to the full board.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRING

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Teacher Hiring of Ryan Fletcher, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Steve Gabriel provided the board with an overview and update of the 3rd grade reading retention requirements and what the district is doing to ensure student success.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

District Employee and parent Greg Almy noted Willow Ridge has teacher assistants for reading and math support advising it was determined his son could benefit from some extra support and was assigned to work with a teacher assistant and it was a big help. In closing he noted he felt the district is utilizing its resources the best we can to get the most out of them.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Mrs. Mulvenna thanked Dr. Gabriel for a very thorough overview of the new law and opening our eyes to the possible need for more resources.

Mrs. Clark Pierson and Mrs. Winstanley agreed with Mrs. Mulvenna.

Mr. McKennon suggested reaching out to other districts to see what they might be doing to address this new law.

President Shiflett advised he and Superintendent Metcalf have had some discussions with regards to the reports received by the board noting we think we have a handle on the attendance and behavior that is looked at in the ABC Reports. He is wondering how the board would feel about shifting or broadening the focus of reports provided.

Mrs. DuFort expressed she would love to hear from the Math and Reading coaches and Dr. Gabriel advised he will be having them, as well as our technology coaches, come and talk to the board about what they are doing throughout the district.

Mrs. Mulvenna advised the board's job is to look at the big picture. How are we doing along the way? Are we improving? She would still like the ABC Reports and Dr. Gabriel asked is receiving these reports every trimester is the best use of time or if it would better serve the board to do a "State of the District" type report at the end of every year; providing an opportunity to look at doing things in a different way.

Mrs. Clark Pierson expressed that she believes the ABC Reports provided evidence that building teams are talking with one another about what is going on and what one building might be doing that another is not.

Dr. Gabriel noted he and Dr. Metcalf have conducted six bond presentations to date with two more tomorrow and then two more each day of the week. He noted we are getting the word out and it is being well received by the groups and restructuring seems to be supported by parents, as well as staff. In closing he noted the scheduled community presentations.

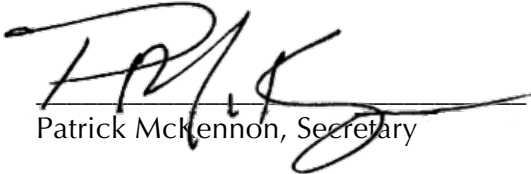
Mrs. DuFort again expressed she felt the board members needed concrete information regarding a marketing plan noting she wants to be able to say something very definitive, "on this date we will be...., on that date we will be...." She expressed she wants to have a better understanding of how we are going to make this happen.

ADJOURNMENT

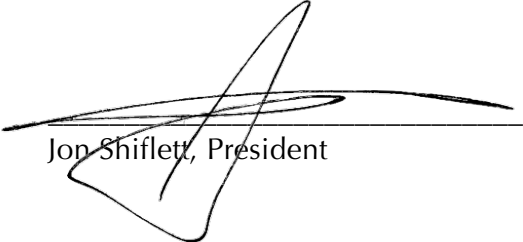
The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Patrick McKennon, Secretary



Jon Shiflett, President